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## **DREAMS STOLEN**

I am married to my sarees
I am not ashamed

My weaver with his delicate hands has hidden a palm leaf between every pleat as though it is sleeping between them

The edges of my pallu is ribboned with dual-color over-lap pink and green; body is off —white swelling like the milk-bowl every morning with a cooing hiss

Aah! Those winding stripes
Purple which will surround my body
like a climber and cling to me
and conceal my irregularities

I wonder if
there are awards and honors for
poor weavers who will empty their dreams
every minute into the tapestry
they weave ..
we the proud damsels get clad in them
forgetting the thread -roots

Weaver
Your eyes are rid of the
dreams your hands empty of craft

You have transformed women Into angels! Who have frozen



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in their ageless sarees

Look at that mermaid crafted In your best silks hardly any legs visible nor the waist which slips like the thread in your hand slimy no?

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<sup>\*</sup>Saree- an Indian ethnic wear of women